

**Amendments to the Specification:**

1. Page 1, before line 3 but after the title, please insert the following:

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

The present application is a U.S. National Stage of International Application No. PCT/EP2005/051068, filed March 10, 2005, which claims priority of German Patent Application No. 10 2004 020 711.9, filed April 27, 2004.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

1. Field of the Invention

2. Page 1, before line 6, please insert the following:

2. Discussion of Background Information

3. Please delete the paragraph at page 3, lines 6-9.

4. Page 3, before line 11, please insert the following:

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention provides a transparent cosmetic and/or dermatological formulation comprising (a) one or more antiperspirant active ingredients and/or one or more deodorant active ingredients, (b) one or more  $\alpha$ -hydroxycarboxylic

acids and (c) water.

In one aspect of the formulation, component (b) may comprise mandelic acid.

In another aspect, component (a) may comprise at least one antiperspirant active ingredient. For example, component (a) may comprise at least one aluminum salt such as, e.g., aluminum chlorohydrate and/or one or more aluminum zirconium salts.

In yet another aspect of the formulation of the present invention, the ratio of antiperspirant active ingredient(s) to  $\alpha$ -hydroxycarboxylic acid(s) may be from 15 : 1 to 1 : 1, e.g., from 12 : 1 to 2 : 1, or from 10 : 1 to 2.5 : 1.

In a still further aspect, the formulation may comprise the antiperspirant active ingredient(s) in an amount of from 1% to 35% by weight, e.g., from 1% to 25% by weight, or from 1% to 20% by weight, based on the total weight of the formulation.

In another aspect, the formulation may comprise component (b) in an amount of from 0.1% to 10% by weight, e.g., from 0.1% to 8% by weight, based on the total weight of the formulation.

In another aspect, the formulation may have a defined yield point and/or it may be in a form which is suitable for application to the human skin.

The present invention also provides a transparent cosmetic and/or dermatological antiperspirant formulation which comprises (a) an antiperspirant active ingredient which comprises at least one aluminum salt, (b) an  $\alpha$ -hydroxycarboxylic acid which comprises mandelic acid and (c) water.

In one aspect, the formulation may comprise component (a) in an amount of from 1% to 35% by weight, e.g., in an amount of up to 25% by weight, and component (b) in an amount of from 0.1% to 10% by weight, e.g., in an amount of up to 8% by weight, each based on the total weight of the formulation.

In another aspect, the ratio of component (a) to component (b) may be from 10 : 1 to 2.5 : 1.

In yet another aspect of the formulation, component (a) may comprise aluminum chlorohydrate and/or one or more aluminum zirconium salts.

The present invention also provides a transparent cosmetic and/or dermatological antiperspirant formulation which is suitable for application to the

human skin and comprises (a) from 1% to 20% by weight of one or more antiperspirant active ingredients which comprise aluminum chlorohydrate and/or one or more aluminum zirconium salts, (b) from 0.1% to 8% by weight of mandelic acid and (c) water.

In one aspect of the formulation, the ratio of component (a) to component (b) may be from 10 : 1 to 2.5 : 1. In another aspect, the formulation may have a defined yield point.

The present invention also provides a transparent antiperspirant and/or deodorant hydrogel which comprises a formulation according to the present invention, including the various aspects thereof as set forth above.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

5. Page 10, line 1: Please replace "CLAIMS" by "WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:"